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 Title: Operating circuit for gas discharge lamps

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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS****NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEES AS A  
SMALL ENTITY (37 CFR § 1.28(C))****Filing of Small Entity Statement**

1. On or about April 15, 1994 and on February 24, 2003, small entity assertions were filed in this patent.
2. The assertion of small entity status in this application and the payment of fees as a small entity were made in good faith.
3. It has now been discovered that the assertion of small entity status was incorrect on February 24, 2003, and alleged in litigation to have been incorrect on December 19, 1995. In an abundance of caution and to eliminate any possible concerns regarding incorrect issue and maintenance fee payments, I am submitting this notification.

**Itemization of the Fee(s) Paid as Small Entity**

4.

<u>DATE OF FEE PAYMENT</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE AMOUNT FOR NON-SMALL ENTITY</u>	<u>FEE ACTUALLY PAID AS A SMALL ENTITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT OWED</u>
Issue Fee, paid on December 19, 1995	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 775.00
Maintenance Fee, 8th Year, paid on October 15, 2003	\$ 2,300.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,255.00
<b>Total Amount Owed:</b>			<b>\$2,030.00</b>

**Payment**

5. The total amount owed is paid as follows:

Attached is a check in the amount of \$2,030.00.

Date: December 2, 2005



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